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DEEPENING OF PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to take up deepening of major ports to facilitate merchant as well as passenger ships to have zero risk access;

(b) if so, the details thereof, port-wise;

(c) whether any new ports have been identified for development with a view to introduce future seafaring between India and Srilanka; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

(a) & (b) It is the endeavour of the Government to improve the draught in the major ports with a view to receiving large size ships, keeping in view the availability of resources and the traffic profile. The following schemes involving capital dredging at major ports have been included in the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07) of the Port Sector:

(i) Kolkata Port Trust : River Regulatory Scheme for improvement of draught in Hooghly Estuary.

(ii) Mumbai Port Trust : Deepening of approach channel upto off-shore container berths planned within the port area.

(iii) Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust : Deepening and Widening of Main Harbour and JN Port Channel.

(iv) Chennai Port Trust : Deepening of Dr. Ambedkar Dock.

(v) Cochin Port Trust : Deepening of approach channel and in front of container terminal berth.

(vi) Visakhapatnam Port Trust :
(a) Deepening of Port Waterways; and
(b) Dredging of inner harbour including dredging of harbour basin and entrance channel.

(vii) Kandla Port Trust :
(a) Deepening & Widening of Sogal Channel;
(b) Deepening of Approaches to Sogal Channel;
(c) Deepening of Navigational Channel in the northern portion of Kandla Creek;
(d) Deepening alongside cargo jetties; and
(e) Deepening of navigational channel in the southern portion of Kandla Creek.

(viii) Mormugao Port Trust : Deepening of the approach channel, berth no.8 (Oil berth) and berth no.9 (Iron ore berth).

(ix) Paradip Port Trust : Deepening of Approach Channel.

(x) New Mangalore Port Trust :
(a) Deepening the Channel and Lagoon; and
(b) Improvement, Strengthening and Deepening of General Cargo Berths.

(xi) Tuticorin Port Trust :
(a) Dredging in front of cargo berth no.8; and
(b) Dredging the Basin to cater to the needs of vessels having draught of 12.80 mtrs. for optimization of Inner Harbour.

(xii) Ennore Port Limited : Deepening of the Approach Channel and Port basin.

(c) & (d) No new major port has been identified for development.